

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind

Post Office Box 2069

Staunton, Virginia 24402-2069

(540) 332-9000 (Voice & TDD)
FAX: (540) 332-9042

Received & Inspected
DUCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL
SEP 3 - 2008
FCC Mail Room

August 27, 2008

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: "Request for Waiver"

CC Docket # 96-45 and CC Docket # 02-6
Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind-Staunton
Billed Entity #222969
Form 471 Application Numbers: 639066 and 639047
Applicant's Form Identifier: VSDB47108A and VSDB47108B

Dear Ms. Dortch,

The purpose of this letter is to request that the FCC "waive" the filing deadline for the Form 471 Application, Funding Year 2008 for the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind at Staunton. Below you will find an explanation of why we were not able to submit Form 471 by the "application filing window" of February 7, 2008.

Prior funding applications and associated forms for VSDB were submitted by an employee who managed our school's technology, but was employed by another state agency, Virginia Information Technology Agency (VITA). The responsibility of submitting "E-Rate" applications suddenly shifted to our agency. Staff had no working knowledge or training regarding the application process and filing deadlines. Since then, we have been utilizing the USAC Website to learn about the paperwork flow, filing deadlines, and managing the process.

The mission of our school serves the public interest as we educate and prepare blind, deaf, and multi-disabled students to become successful citizens. Funding from the "E-Rate" program is vital to our operations. In closing, please give careful consideration to approving our "Request for Waiver". If you have any questions regarding this request, you can contact Melisa Byrd, Accountant at 540-332-9229. Our fax number is 540-332-9042. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nancy C. Armstrong

Dr. Nancy C. Armstrong
Superintendent

Attachments

No. of Copies rec'd 0
List A B C D E



Schools and Libraries Division

**FUNDING YEAR 2008 FORM 471
POSTMARKED OUTSIDE OF WINDOW**

May 7, 2008

Beth Moyer
VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND
PO BOX 2069
STAUNTON, VA 24402

Re: Applicant's Form Identifier: VSDB47108A
Form 471 Application Number: 639066

Dear Beth Moyer:

We're sending this letter to thank you for your recent Form 471 application. Your Form 471 application was postmarked on 04/11/2008, which is AFTER the Funding Year 2008-2009 filing window closed at 11:59 p.m. EST on Thursday, February 7, 2008.

Program rules require us to hold your application pending final review of those applications that were filed within the filing window. We will post an announcement on the USAC website at www.usac.org/sl once we determine if funding applications that were submitted within the application filing window will fully utilize all the funds available for this Funding Year.

For more information about the processing of pending applications, about funding for applications filed after the close of the filing window or about plans for future Funding Years, please visit our website or call the Client Service Bureau at 1-888-203-8100.

TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

If you wish to appeal a decision indicated in this letter, your appeal must be received by USAC or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and (if available) email address for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the decision letter and the decision you are appealing:
 - Appellant name,
 - Applicant or service provider name,
 - BEN,
 - Application number 639066 as assigned by USAC,
 - "Funding Year 2008 Form 471 Postmarked Outside of Window Letter,"AND
 - The exact text or the decision that you are appealing.
3. Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation.

4. If you are an applicant, please provide a copy of your appeal to the service provider(s) affected by USAC's decision. If you are a service provider, please provide a copy of your appeal to the applicant(s) affected by USAC's decision.

5. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

To submit your appeal to USAC by email, email to appeals@sl.universalservice.org. USAC will automatically reply to incoming emails to confirm receipt.

To submit your appeal to us by fax, fax your appeal to (973)599-6542.

To submit your appeal to us on paper, send your appeal to:

Letter of Appeal
Schools and Libraries Division - Correspondence Unit
100 South Jefferson Road
P.O. Box 902
Whippany, NJ 07981

You have the option of filing an appeal with USAC or with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received by the FCC or postmarked within 60 days of the above date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options described in the "Appeals Procedure" posted on our website. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company



Schools and Libraries Division

**FUNDING YEAR 2008 FORM 471
POSTMARKED OUTSIDE OF WINDOW**

May 7, 2008

Beth Moyer
VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND
PO BOX 2069
Staunton, VA 24402

Re: Applicant's Form Identifier: VSDB47108B
Form 471 Application Number: 639047

Dear Beth Moyer:

We're sending this letter to thank you for your recent Form 471 application. Your Form 471 application was postmarked on 04/11/2008, which is AFTER the Funding Year 2008-2009 filing window closed at 11:59 p.m. EST on Thursday, February 7, 2008.

Program rules require us to hold your application pending final review of those applications that were filed within the filing window. We will post an announcement on the USAC website at www.usac.org/sl once we determine if funding applications that were submitted within the application filing window will fully utilize all the funds available for this Funding Year.

For more information about the processing of pending applications, about funding for applications filed after the close of the filing window or about plans for future Funding Years, please visit our website or call the Client Service Bureau at 1-888-203-8100.

TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

If you wish to appeal a decision indicated in this letter, your appeal must be received by USAC or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and (if available) email address for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the decision letter and the decision you are appealing:
 - Appellant name,
 - Applicant or service provider name,
 - BEN,
 - Application number 639047 as assigned by USAC,
 - "Funding Year 2008 Form 471 Postmarked Outside of Window Letter,"AND
 - The exact text or the decision that you are appealing.
3. Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation.

4. If you are an applicant, please provide a copy of your appeal to the service provider(s) affected by USAC's decision. If you are a service provider, please provide a copy of your appeal to the applicant(s) affected by USAC's decision.

5. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

To submit your appeal to USAC by email, email to appeals@sl.universalservice.org. USAC will automatically reply to incoming emails to confirm receipt.

To submit your appeal to us by fax, fax your appeal to (973)599-6542.

To submit your appeal to us on paper, send your appeal to:

Letter of Appeal
Schools and Libraries Division - Correspondence Unit
100 South Jefferson Road
P.O. Box 902
Whippany, NJ 07981

You have the option of filing an appeal with USAC or with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received by the FCC or postmarked within 60 days of the above date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options described in the "Appeals Procedure" posted on our website. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company